

[Click for Audio Recording of Meeting](#)

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
Council Chambers, Room No. 140
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Council Chair Bob Knudsen
Council Vice Chair Curt Cochran
Council Member Anna Barbieri
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Meredith Harker

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst. City Administrator
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Wayne Harper, Economic/Community Dev. Dir.
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Brittany Kempff, Deputy Recorder
Richard Rich, UFA Captain

Excused: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Bob Knudsen conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:02 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the regular city council meeting was reviewed. Chair Knudsen reminded the councilmembers to sign up to host a table at the at the *Trick or Treating on the Plaza* event scheduled for the following month.

2. Adjourn

Chair Knudsen declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance:

Mayor Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Council Chair Bob Knudsen
Council Vice Chair Curt Cochran
Council Member Anna Barbieri
Council Member Bob Knudsen
Council Member Meredith Harker

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst City Administrator
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Wayne Harper, Economic/Community Dev. Dir.
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, UFA Captain

Excused: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Councilmember Cochran* (Opening Ceremonies for October 4, 2023 to be arranged by the *Youth Council*)

Councilmember Cochran directed the Pledge of Allegiance and commented on the recent commemoration of the September 11th 2001 tragedy. He expressed his appreciation for the first responders and others involved in both the rescue and the recovery. He also took a moment to thank Taylorsville's police officers and Unified Fire personnel for the work they did every day in the community.

1.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Kristie Overson explained that former Councilmember Bruce Wasden had recently passed away. He had been instrumental in Taylorsville's 1996 incorporation and later served the community in a variety of capacities over the years.

The mayor talked about the recent ULCT conference. She said the workshops, classes and speakers were all very worthwhile and relevant for today's many challenges. She thanked the councilmembers who attended with her along with John Hiskey.

 The City was involved in many volunteer projects to commemorate September 11th. It was a very productive day, and she was impressed with the number of people who participated. She also mentioned the residents who worked at the food pantry and the wonderful work they do for Taylorsville's citizens.

TVPD and UFA had recently joined the mayor in representing Taylorsville at the Senior Expo for mobile home communities. She had enjoyed visiting with the residents of Monte Vista Mobile Home Community to hear about their needs.

Mayor Overson mentioned her cabinet meeting which was held on a quarterly basis. She stated the personnel in attendance were an incredible group of people who helped Taylorsville serve its citizens. These people included representatives from Unified Fire, Salt Lake County Public Works, Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District, West Valley Animal Services as well as department heads from within the city.

There was a hearing before the administrative law judge held the previous week. The mayor was struck by the amazing rapport that sometimes existed between code enforcement personnel and residents as they worked on different issues. She also mentioned attending a 75th anniversary for the Salt Lake Community College celebration. She was given a book documenting their 75 years as a college.

 The last "Starry Nights" event for the summer was held the previous week. Mayor Overson commented that it was a lot of hard work from all involved, but it had been a very successful series of events.

The mayor showed Unified Fire's budget book and explained that she sat on their governing board. At a recent meeting, she and the other board members had the opportunity to visit UFA's state-of-the-art fire safety trailer which helped to educate the public at various events.

Mayor Overson brought up the recruiting process for this year's youth council. Interviews were held earlier in the day and final decisions would be made soon.

The mayor talked about her weekly “*The Mayor Is In*” sessions where citizens were welcome to meet with her on Thursday afternoons. She was recently able to meet with a young scout named Carter which had been the highlight of her day.

Mayor Overson reported on an email from a TVPD officer who had taken a report of a lost child. In his message he thanked everyone for their efforts in searching for the child and also passed along the thanks of the boy’s mother who was grateful for the professionalism and quick response in quickly locating her son. The officer also thanked the other officers involved in finding the son.

1.3 Citizen Comments

 Chair Knudsen invited any members of the audience who wished to address the City Council to step forward and do so.

Ben James came forward to talk about 2700 West which was known as Constitution Blvd in West Valley. He asked that Taylorsville’s portion of the road be renamed to Constitution Blvd as well. He hoped that the City of West Jordan would then follow suit.

There were no additional citizen comments, and Chair Knudsen closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Unified Fire Authority – Captain Rich

 UFA Captain Richard Rich presented his report which included statistics pertaining to call volume, dispatched calls, response times, etc. He stated the response times continued to improve. Councilmember Cochran asked about the bay doors on a new station which open more quickly than the traditional roll-up doors. Captain Rich responded that the new doors opened approximately 30 seconds faster than the standard ones, although stations with roll-up doors typically had them open in advance to avoid the delay.

Captain Rich then discussed fire prevention activities during the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2023. These activities included inspections, plan reviews, and the issuance of hazardous materials permits among other things. In the future he hoped to be able to report on the number of hours spent on each of these activities.

UFA had recently finished a SWOC analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges) to help them build their strategic plan. The captain mentioned there would be another strategic plan meeting coming up in October if the council members wished to participate. He explained that the SWOC process informed their budget preparation process.

Captain Rich updated the council members on fire station construction in the valley. He also provided information regarding ongoing recruitment efforts, and out-of-state deployments of the Utah Task Force. He talked about movement throughout the UFA and mentioned there were quite a few retirements and promotions and noted that the rank of paramedic was the position that struggled the most with recruitment, hiring and retention.

Captain Rich mentioned there would be a presentation at the October 4th City Council meeting to present information regarding a proposed tax increase by the Unified Fire Service Area. Councilmember Burgess asked about the increase and Captain Rich stated he did not have the specifics yet, but it appeared to be a fairly significant increase.

3.2 Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District – Mark Chalk

 General Manager Mark Chalk provided a brief overview of the infrastructure behind water meters and how they worked to measure water usage. He explained that over time, meters broke down, became less efficient and needed to be replaced. An AMI/Meter replacement project was underway which involved updating to a new type of water meter with no moving parts. This would lead to a longer life of the meter with a higher level of accuracy.

 The new AMI meters would relay information to the District every 15 minutes. They would be able to identify stopped meters, those that had been tampered with, and those with errors. It would provide better communication with customers, resulting in savings of both money and water. Residents would receive an announcement hung on their front door when their meter had been replaced.

Councilmember Cochran thanked Mr. Chalk for his excellent presentation and asked if he had any predictions for the upcoming winter. Mr. Chalk stated forecasts showed it could be a similar winter to last years, but it was too early to tell.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – September 6, 2023 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve the minutes for the September 6, 2023 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Chair Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters on the agenda.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 23-25 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving a Non-Exclusive License Agreement Between the City of Taylorsville and Utopia for the Installation of Internet Network Facilities within the City Public Right-of-Way – Tracy Cowdell

 City Attorney Tracy Cowdell explained Utopia's desire to install infrastructure for commercial internet in Taylorsville. Utopia would post a \$50,000 master bond with the City before starting their project. Mr. Cowdell stated normally there was no charge for running fiber and federal law did not have a franchise fee. Utopia would pay a 2% fee paid to the city on a quarterly basis. The service would be strictly for schools and state offices—not private residences.

MOTION: Councilmember Barbieri moved to approve Resolution No. 23-25, approving a Non-Exclusive License Agreement Between the City of Taylorsville and Utopia for the Installation of Internet Network Facilities within the City Public Right-of-Way. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Chair Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Resolution No. 23-17B A Revised Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Salt Lake County and Sandy City, South Jordan, West Jordan City, West Valley City, Herriman City, and Taylorsville City Relating to the HOME Investment Partnership Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2024 Through 2026 – Scott Harrington

Assistant City Administrator and CFO Scott Harrington explained that this was the same agreement that had been approved previously. However, Herriman had now been added to it, so the resolution needed to be amended and re-approved.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 23-17B, a revised resolution of the City of Taylorsville approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Salt Lake County and Sandy City, South Jordan, West Jordan City, West Valley City, Herriman City, and Taylorsville City relating to the HOME Investment Partnership Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2024 through 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barbieri.

Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Chair Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Councilmember Burgess – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.2 Councilmember Barbieri – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.3 Council Chair Knudsen – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.4 Council Member Harker – Asked what the process would be to change a street name. Tracy Cowdell gave clarification on the process. He mentioned that it was not something that should happen frequently but he would be happy to discuss the process with anyone interested in making such a change beyond the recent one pertaining to Constitution Blvd.

8.5 Council Member Cochran – nothing for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

- 9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.5 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.6 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(For more Details on Events, Visit the City's Website)

- 10.1 “Fall Festival”** Sponsored by the Historic Preservation Committee; Saturday, September 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 10.2 “Trick or Treating on the Plaza”** – Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 4pm to 6pm
- 10.3 Taylorsville Art Show** sponsored by the Taylorsville Arts Council – October 27, 2023 from 10am to 1pm at the Midvalley Performing Arts Center

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)

- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205

There was no need for a closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Knudsen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Minutes Prepared by: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder